

We claim :

1. Compounds of structural formula I and formula II as in figure 1.0 as inhibitors of histone acetyl transferase where in
 - R₁ is OH, halogens, O-Methoxy, O-Ethoxy, O-Isopropoxy, O-Allyoxy, O- Butoxy, O-t-Butoxy, O-Pentoxy, O-Hexyloxy, O-CH₂-COOH, O-CO-CH₂-Cl, O-SO₂-CH₃, O-CH₂-CHOH-CH₃
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- 20 2. A process of preparing compounds as described claim 1 by known methods.
3. A method of treating a patient suffering from diseases due defects in gene regulation predominantly or at risk of, cancer, which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) to activate histone acetyltransferases or formula (II) to inhibit histone acetyltransferase or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of these compounds.